

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

March 8, 2005

For a number of years, County citizens have expressed a strong desire to establish a friendship relationship with a region or province in the Republic of Italy.

The Board instructed Sandra J. Ausman, Chief of Protocol, to explore the possibility of establishing such a relationship and recommend to the Board a suitable Italian region or province.

After consulting with, among many others, the Honorable Diego Brasioli, Consul General of Italy in Los Angeles, and Mr. Joseph L. Ventress, a prominent Los Angeles County lawyer, Mrs. Ausman recommends that the County of Los Angeles enter into a friendship relationship with Lazio Region, Republic of Italy.

The Honorable Francesco Storace, President, Lazio Region, Italy, has confirmed an interest in entering into a friendship relationship with the County of Los Angeles. President Storace drafted and has submitted to Los Angeles County for consideration a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two regions. The proposed MOU confirms that both regions intend to encourage and facilitate bilateral business/trade contacts and cooperation, tourism, and trade missions.

The Chief of Protocol has reviewed and the County Counsel has approved as to form the proposed MOU.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

1. Enter into a friendship relationship with Lazio Region, Republic of Italy, and execute the Memorandum of Understanding submitted by President Storace of Lazio Region; and,

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ANTONOVICH	_____
MOLINA	_____

2. Direct the Office of Protocol to establish and provide staff support to a committee, to be chaired by Joseph L. Ventress, to work with the International Trade Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage and facilitate business/trade contacts and cooperation, tourism, trade missions between the County of Los Angeles and Lazio Region, and to raise private funding for and manage all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Los Angeles and Lazio Region. Mr. Ventress and the Office of Protocol should invite individuals who represent diverse fields, disciplines and endeavors to serve on the Committee.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Lazio Region, Republic of Italy
and
County of Los Angeles, California, United States of America

Introduction

To further improve the friendly relationship and cooperation between Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A., and Lazio Region, Republic of Italy (hereinafter referred to as “Party” and “Parties”) and after considering that the development of this relationship is attainable only through effective actions of commercial, social and cultural cooperation, the Parties agree on the following:

Article I

The Parties shall provide appropriate support to the development of cooperation in commercial, technological and cultural fields and the creation of common projects and know-how transmission in the following industries:

1. Computer science and telecommunications;
2. Scientific and technological research to support innovation in different industries;
3. Tourism, culture, sport and training;
4. Organization of Trade Fairs; and
5. Movie Production

Article 2

Each Party shall appoint a committee to carry out the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) within one month from its signing. Each Party shall include on its committee, leaders in diverse fields, disciplines and endeavors.

Article 3

Each year, the Parties (County of Los Angeles through the Los Angeles County-Lazio Region Friendship Committee), shall define a program of action that will include procedures, time required to carry out the operations and the funding source.

Once a year, each Party intends to organize joint meetings to facilitate bilateral cooperation and business, commercial and trade links. In advance of a meeting, a list of meeting participants shall be submitted by each Party to the other Party for

consideration. Expenses, including all travel related expenses, shall be the responsibility of the sending Party. Los Angeles County, through the community-based Los Angeles County-Lazio Region Friendship Committee, shall support, with private monies, all projects developed pursuant to this MOU.

Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles County-Lazio Region Friendship Committee will partner with the International Trade Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce when organizing business/trade meetings in Los Angeles County and outbound trade missions, and when preparing to receive inbound trade missions.

Article 4

Should any dispute arise from different interpretations of this agreement or from the execution of the projects, they shall be resolved through consultations between the Parties.

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Article 5

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective upon its execution by the Parties, and has a duration of three (3) years. This MOU is automatically renewed every three years, unless one Party gives an official cancellation notification to the other Party at least three (3) months prior to the effective date of renewal.

This memorandum of understanding becomes effective from the date of signing, in duplicate, in two languages – English and Italian – both being equally valid.

County of Los Angeles

Lazio Region

By _____
Chair of the Board
Supervisor, First District

By _____
Francesco Storace
President

By _____
Supervisor, Second District

Date: _____

By _____
Supervisor, Third District

By _____
Supervisor, Fourth District

By _____
Supervisor, Fifth District

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
County Counsel

By _____
Barbara Y. Goul
Principal Deputy County Counsel